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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 28TH, 1908.

TURKISH subjects in China are apparently left in some doubt as to which European Power is actually in charge of their interests in this country at the present time. Since China refused point blank to acknowledge the right of Germany to assume the protection of Turkish subjects in China, nothing has been heard of the question. Both Turkey and Germany doubtless have been too much occupied with questions of greater moment, but we do not suppose that the last has been heard of the matter. That a proposition to assume the protection of Turkish subjects in China should be entertained by Germany, a nation who are generally credited with being far-seeing diplomatists and with the possession of what is often more valuable than diplomatic talent—sound common sense and prudence, must seem somewhat astonishing. When, some time back, the question arose of Germany undertaking the protection of Christian Missions in China, though it was at first announced that she was willing to do so, it turned out later that more prudent counsels had prevailed, and that she was not to do so.

Altogether the proposal seems to be one about which there must be considerable hesitation before it can take any practical shape. The fact that the Chinese Government is clearly opposed to it is of importance, as any such arrangement must necessarily be looked upon as a concession on the part of the Chinese and cannot be any plausibly be demanded as a right. It may be questioned, therefore, whether Germany will care to press the question much further than showing a willingness to act as a friendly go-between between Turkey and China, should occasion demand it, which is practically what France has been doing. If the matter be carried any further, it can scarcely be doubted that it will be found to be one surrounded by too many knotty questions to make it worth while to press it upon the Chinese Government, unless for some unforeseen reason, they are themselves desirous of bringing about such an arrangement as that which has been proposed, and at present this seems to be very unlikely.

anything but a profitable one; and would be much more likely to involve Germany in difficulties with China than to increase her influence with the Ottoman Empire. It may reasonably be presumed that it was mainly the latter consideration that induced Germany to consider the question in any way. Germany has by degrees established an influence with the Sultan, which exceeds that of any other European Power; and there seems to be a general acquiescence in her furthering her interests in the "Near East," so long as there is no direct interference with those of other countries. It has thus become her policy to act as the chief friend of the Sultan, and the influence which she has by degrees acquired is of considerable importance. The idea, therefore, of her acting as a protector of Turkish subjects in China might appear desirable as a means of consolidating her friendship with the Sultan without incurring any very grave responsibility, seeing how few Turkish subjects have found their way to the Celestial Empire. At the same time it is not to be overlooked that a step of this description, which appears of little importance at one time, may from unforeseen developments, assume a very different aspect later on. The trouble which the French have had for many years as Protectors of Catholic Missions in China might form a warning to any other nation not to put itself in a similar position in a hurry. For a long time France was looked upon with natural, though uncalled for suspicion, by the Chinese Government and Provincial officials, who considered that her undertaking to deal with internal matters, which did not directly concern her, indicated some secret designs of aggression. This idea was soon spread by the Chinese army among foreign officials, and thus, by degrees, it became accepted by Chinese and Europeans alike. The effective result was that ordinary diplomatic requests and representations by France were looked upon with far less favour than the same demands would have received if coming from other quarters, so that the consequences of France being in the position of protector of Catholics were materially to weaken her influence both at Peking and in the Provinces.

Whether the advantages that may accrue to Germany from doing a friendly nod towards Turkey will counterbalance the possible loss of influence and friendship at Peking is a question which will have to be carefully considered. So far as any permanent cementing of good understanding between Turkey and Germany is concerned, the arrangement might be quite as likely to lead to disagreement. It might not be an easy task for any foreign consul, acting on behalf of some small Turkish traders, to do what would be regarded from a Turkish point of view as justice; and a Protectorate which did not secure material advantage in such matters would soon come to be regarded with little consideration. Some rather complicated questions also might arise with respect to Turkish opium, with regard to which it might not be very convenient to have to act the part of Ottoman champion. There are other questions too, which would require rather nice handling, such as that readily suggested by the Chinese Government that Turkey has no Treaty with her; and also that extraterritoriality prevails in Turkey as in China, and it is therefore, scarcely to be expected that China will grant what would amount to extraterritorial rights to Turkish subjects. This latter objection, it is true, may possibly be removed if the reforms now being inaugurated in Turkey are carried out with reasonable success—though, from what has occurred up to the present, this is still a matter of considerable doubt. But if this should prove so, there would then be no longer any reason why Turkey should not have her own Diplomatic and Consular Authorities in China, like any other nation.

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The Hon. Mr. H. E. and Mrs. Follock returned yesterday from Japan.

A contractor, who was presented by Inspector Cameron for obstructing the footpath at Quarry Bay, was ordered by Mr. J. H. Kamp at the Magistracy yesterday to pay a fine of \$15.

We are requested to mention that the Jurors of the October Criminal Sessions will be required to attend again at the Supreme Court House on Thursday next the 29th instant at 10 a.m.

On the voyage out a sensation was created on the troopship "Soudan" by a man bound for Hongkong jumping overboard. The vessel was stopped but the man was not recovered. Two children succumbed to heat apoplexy in the Red Sea. One of the soldiers bound for Singapore also died of the same cause in the Red Sea. Altogether the "Soudan" had 1,289 officers and men on board when she left Southampton.

To meet the artistic taste of the officers of the American fleet, one of the leading silversmiths of Yokohama originated a novel design in cocktail shakers fashioned in silver ware. By request of the Prohibition Party in Japan these shakers have been also adapted for the preparation of lemonade and lime juice beverages. We have the authority of the Japan Gazette for this statement.

It is the intention of the Government of the Straits Settlements to fix by Ordinance the initial Capital cost of the Tanjong Pagar Docks at \$29,003,149.45. The administration report for the half year ended June 30th, shows a total disposable balance of \$370,382.1. Of this sum \$331,035.67 has been paid over to Government in respect of interest due, the balance being transferred to reserve, and insurance funds &c.

The Government of Portugal has appointed Senhor Diego da Si (the Harbour Master at Macao) and Senhor Miranda Guedes (Director of Public Works, Macao) with Mr. Carlos d'Assumpcao (an interpreter in the service of the Macao Government) to form the Commission to represent Portugal in the delimitation of the boundaries of the Colony of Macao. Our Macao correspondent states that they are proceeding to Shanghai to discuss with the Chinese Commissioners.

Referring to the recent Rescript issued by the Emperor of Japan, the Japan Chronicle says:—As possibly explaining the issue of this Rescript, we understand that a few days ago the Minister of the Imperial Household recommended that in the new Budget, now under consideration, there should be an increase of the Civil List—which now amounts to ¥8,000,000 and has been unchanged for twenty years—in view of the increased expenses of the Imperial House. On this coming to the knowledge of the Emperor, his Majesty at once refused to give consent to the proposal, saying that it would be wrong to increase the burdens of the people at the present moment, and instructing the Minister of the Household to cut down expenses so that the present Civil List would suffice.

Major A. A. S. Barnes, of the Wiltshire Regiment, has been appointed by the Army Council as the new commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps. The N.C. Daily News says:—Major Barnes has served continuously in the British Army for twenty-two years. During the whole of that time he has been employed in actual regimental work except for one year when he was appointed Transvaal Government Emigration Agent at Ohefco. Of these twenty-two years, nine were spent in India, eight in North China, and five at home, while of the eight in China seven were spent with the Chinese Regiment at Weihaiwei. Major Barnes was one of the officers sent out originally to assist in raising that Corps in 1899, and accompanied it through the whole of the North China campaign in 1900. From his services in India and China he is well acquainted with the languages and peoples of both countries.

The Consul General of China has called the attention of the Governor General of the Philippines to the frequency with which murderous assaults have been committed upon Chinamen in Manila of late. Especial allusion was made to the murders in Pandacan, Intramuros, and Tondo, in all of which cases the criminals are still at large and which, the Consul believes, to reveal a determined and systematic persecution of his countrymen. He asks for a greater measure of security for the lives and property of his nationals in Manila. The general opinion in official circles, says the Cebu News, especially in the office of the prosecuting attorney and the department of secret service, is that these murderous assaults are due to the activity of the Tonga, or Chinese secret societies into which the Chinese of Manila are divided. The attack made by three Chinamen on a fellow countryman on Calle Balic Balic lands colour to this belief.

A Manila contemporary announced in big type last Wednesday that Luzon had been "jolted" and proceeded to explain that "a tectonic disturbance of the earth's crust at a point in the Pacific, probably about 200 kilometers from Manila rocked Luzon in a series of earthquakes, two of them unpleasantly severe, and thirteen sympathetic quavering varying in duration and intensity. The tremor came on about 1.10 in the forenoon, without the least note of warning, and for about forty seconds the ground heaved sighs and houses rocked, and timid folk hearkened for Gabriel's horn. There was a general exodus from many of the public buildings—notably the City Hall on Bagumbayan, which shook like an aspen limb bowed by the wind, and several of the new structures in the business section, downtown. But, beyond a shower of tiles from the roof of 63 Calle Legaspi, Wallid city, an report of damage was received at the police stations."

TELEGRAMS.

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THE "NEAR EASTERN" SITUATION.

LONDON, October 27th.

The British Foreign Office denies that it is obstructing the Turkish-Austrian negotiations.

It is reported that Germany agrees to the conference.

DEATH OF A CARDINAL.]

LONDON, October 27th.

The death is announced of Cardinal Mathieu.

DEATH OF A JAPANESE STATESMAN.

TOKYO, October 27th.

Admiral Viscount Enomoto died to-day.

[The Japan Year Book says of the deceased statesman that he was a pioneer naval officer sent for study to Holland by the Tokugawa Government; returned home in 1866 on board the corvette "Kanyo Maru" built at Amsterdam to the order of that Government. In the civil war of the Restoration he, at the head of that vessel and others fled to Hakodate where for several months he with Otori (now Baron) successfully withstood the attack of the Imperial army; surrendered at the earnest remonstrances of the leader of the Imperial Army and was released after imprisonment of a year or two, to be at once appointed to an important Government post in Hokkaido. Disappeared in 1874, at Petersburg to conclude the treaty of exchange of Saghalien with the Kuriles was Minister at Peking 1892, and sat in almost every Ministerial chair with the exception of that of Army, Finance and Justice.]

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

LONDON, October 25th.

Reuters' Constantinople correspondent wires that intelligence has been received of Russian troops having crossed the Araxes river, and of their having entered Azerbaijan. It is presumed the intention is to occupy Tabriz where a panic prevails.

LATER.

St. Petersburg denies that Russian troops have crossed the Persian border.

THE GLASGOW RECTORIAL ELECTION.

LONDON, October 25th.

Lord Curzon has been elected Lord Rector of Glasgow University, polling 947 votes. Mr. Lloyd-George polled 935 votes, and Mr. Keir Hardie 122 votes.

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

LONDON, October 25th.

The Vienna press continues most bitterly anti-English.

A semi-official article appearing in the "Wiener Zeitung" goes the length of asserting that Great Britain has offered the Porte the loan of fifty millions sterling, and the support of warships in the event of a reactionary rising, the condition being the breaking off of Austrian negotiations agreed upon in the programme of the proposed Conference.

Austria has attempted to renew direct negotiations with the Porte but the Grand Vizier emphatically declines to re-open, declaring that Austria's demands are contrary to the Turkish constitution.

Mr. Iawolsky who has interviewed Herr von Schoen, German Foreign Minister, and Prince von Buelow, and has also lunched with the Kaiser, has officially announced that Russo-German negotiations are proceeding in the most cordial manner.

[FROM THE MANILA "CABLENEWS."]]

BATTLESHIPS REACH AMERICA.

Washington, October 20.

The battleships "Maine" and "Alabama" have arrived home from Manila. One will be sent to Brooklyn, the other to Portsmouth to be docked, overhauled and repaired.

SPEECH BY MR. BRYAN.

Chicago, October 20.

Mr. Bryan, in a speech in this city to-day charged the Republican party with attempting to buy the election of its candidate. The visit of Mr. Bryan to the biggest city of the Middle West was attended with all the enthusiasm and demonstration such an event should have. The loyal Democrats led by Adlai E. Stevenson turned out by the thousands to hear what the candidate has to say. Mr. Bryan not only charged that the Republicans would buy the election, if they could, but he pointed to the corrupt tactics that had been employed heretofore. He referred to the millions that were spent in the campaign of 1896 and later in the campaign of 1900. The speaker said he knew of instances where money had been used corruptly. It is the history of the party, he declared, and he would be the party's history to the end. He said the Republicans are trying now to purchase the election. However, he declared, he had faith in the patriotism of the American people, in their calm, sober judgment and he felt sure they could not look at the picture he had drawn of his opponents and support the policies the Republicans espoused. To vote the Republican ticket means an endorsement of Republican tactics.

MR. TAFT AT BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, October 20.

Judge Taft arrived in Baltimore to-day and delivered an address before an immense crowd of people. He was received with the greatest enthusiasm and the hall where he delivered his address was packed with people who cheered the candidate and the policies he outlined at every opportunity. It is the first time in the history of the old Monumental City that it has given vent to any enthusiasm over a Republican candidate for President.

During the course of his address Mr. Taft placed his policies squarely before his audience. He declared that the issue in this election is peace or prosperity. He berated the Democratic platform and endeavored to show it would be impossible for the triumph of that party to result in anything but a continuance of disastrous, painful conditions. The Republican platform and endeavored to show it would be impossible for the triumph of that party to result in anything but a continuance of disastrous, painful conditions. The Republican platform and endeavored to show it would be impossible for the triumph of that party to result in anything but a continuance of disastrous, painful conditions.

MR. TAFT FORCED TO TAKE REST.

New York, October 21.

The announcement has been made from Republican campaign headquarters that Mr. Taft's voice has again given him trouble and that his physician has absolutely prohibited him from using it in speaking for the next few days. It is announced that Mr. Taft is not in as bad condition as he was in the West a few weeks ago, but that if he persists in his tour he will lose the power of speech entirely. On the recommendation of his physician, he has decided to take a rest and will go into the mountains of West Virginia. It is announced that complete rest for a day will do him much good even if he cannot spare a longer time.

VOLUNTEER CAMP NOTES.

SCENE. The Guard Tent H. K. V. C. Stonecutters Island. Infantry Company on Guard. Time 11.30.

Report is brought to N. C. O. in Command, Corp'l W. . . . that the lights are not out in Coolie Messed and that gambling is going on.

"Guards turn out!" is quietly called and in less time than it takes to tell, our night watchmen are on their way to put down with a firm hand this conduct contrary to regulations.

Guard with fixed bayonet being mounted at door, the corporal with his file of men enter heavily armed and also armed with bayonets. A stampede ensues, cash and cents are scattered as the frightened coolies flee to their "beds" to escape the grip of the guard. Two singdlars are, however, captured, the bankers perhaps, and conveyed in triumph to the Guard Tent, where, after being lectured severely on the evils of betting and the terrible punishment that would undoubtedly fall on their unlucky heads if ever again caught, they are released after being duly identified and passing three or four hours in silence and "a pray to their thoughts" in the none too commodious Guard Tent.

And who shall say that the Infantry Company are not vigilant and conscientious in their duties for early in the morning? A R.A.M.C. regular was heard to complain that he was challenged four times in nearly as many minutes in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

DARING ROBBERY AT KOWLOON.

EUROPEAN LADY ROBBED OF \$428.

A daring robbery was reported to the police on Monday night. Mrs. Storr of the Victoria Home, accompanied by six school girls, set out to walk from Yau-mat to the Victoria Home. Their course was along the Kowloon Road, and it would appear that four natives, who learned that Mrs. Storr carried a sum of money, followed them. When near Ma Tan Wai village the robbers overtook them. One of the men grasped Mrs. Storr by the shoulders. Two of the others seized two of the elder girls, while the fourth man caught hold of a small girl who carried a black hand bag—the bag that contained the money and valuables. Mrs. Storr and her girls screamed for help, but the robbers had secured the booty, and hastily departed in the direction of Yau-mat.

The police have the matter in hand, but have little information to work upon. Mrs. Storr and her girls having been too terrified to take particular notice of the robbers. All that Mrs. Storr could say was that the robbers appeared to be young men; that they were all dressed in dark clothing, and that they spoke Puntli.

THE PROPOSED SMALL POX HOSPITAL AT KENNEDY TOWN.

The Government has granted to the Tang Wah Hospital Committee a site of about 60,000 square feet at Kennedy Town for a Small Pox Hospital. In recent years a matched on the hill just beyond the Plague Hospital has been used for the isolation of small-pox cases, but in the typhoon of July last this matched collapsed. It is now proposed to build a hospital which is roughly estimated to cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000, giving accommodation for about sixty patients. Towards the amount needed, \$3,400 has already been subscribed, and the Committee of the Tang Wah Hospital, in gratefully acknowledging these donations, which are set out below, appeal with confidence to the community, Chinese and European alike, for contributions which will justify them in making an early start with the building operations. The donations already received are as follows:—

Mr. Ho Kom Tong	\$3,000
Sing Wo & Co.	2,000
Yan Wo & Co.	1,000
Chat Sing & Co.	1,000
Messrs Chan-Chet-Yi	1,400
Chan Kan Yui	

SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, October 27th.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPHEZ.

(ACTIVE FISCAL JUDGE).

CLAIM FOR GOODS SOLD.

Action was brought by the Hang Leung firm against Cheung San to recover \$405.69 for goods sold and delivered.

Mr. P. Sydenham Dixon (of Mr. E. A. Harding's office) appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) for the defendant.

Mr. Dixon informed the Court that for the last seven years the defendant had been in the habit of calling at plaintiff's shop and ordering grocery goods. These goods had been debited in plaintiff's books in the name of defendant's firm, the San Yee. Defendant represented himself as the managing partner of the San Yee, and he was the only man plaintiff had dealt with. At his request they gave him a pass book which Mr. Grist had had notice to produce, but defendant denied ever having had one. He made various payments on account, and promised to pay the balance. When pressed by plaintiff he said he would pay the money when he sold his property at Pekinghou. After hearing evidence his Lordship found the plaintiff was entitled to his money, but he had told a string of lies to get it. If he had told the truth it would have shortened matters considerably. Each side would pay its own costs.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Tuesday, October 27th.

BEFORE HON. COMMANDER BASIE R. H. TAYLOR, R.N. (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

DISOBEYING LAWFUL COMMANDS.

Mr. B. Hume, purser of H.M. transport "Soudan," prosecuted C. P. Fernandez, saloon boy, for wilfully continuing to display the lawful commands of the master of the "Soudan."

Prosecutor stated that previous to October 4th, while at sea, defendant had been distracted for incompetence. On the day mentioned, he refused to "turn to." On the 5th he "turned to" and continued to work until the 20th, when he again refused, and did not work until the 23rd. On each occasion when refusing duty he asked to see the doctor, and on each occasion the doctor certified that there was nothing wrong with him.

Defendant said he was put to do other work two days before refusing duty, and while doing this he scalded his foot. The chief steward ordered a man to pour hot water over him. That man was a soldier, and had left the ship.

His Worship sentenced the defendant to imprisonment for fourteen days, or until the ship sailed, and made an order that he should forfeit 30 days' pay.

IGNORING RULES OF THE ROAD.

Lieut. Commander Walcott of H.M.S. "Moorhen" proceeded against Captain Hans Larsen, master of the Chinese Custom's launch "Kowloon Tai," for failing to observe the rules of the road as laid down by His Majesty's Orders-in-Council.

Prosecutor said he was proceeding in the mail officer's steamboat from H.M.S. "Tamar" to the canner when he saw the "Kowloon Tai" on his port beam and at right angles to the launch he was on. It was obvious that, unless one of the launches altered her course, a collision must occur. The mail officer's boat stopped, and the "Kowloon Tai" passed ahead, clearing the former launch by from ten to fifteen feet. The launch witness was on last but way very rapidly, as there was a considerable sea on. There was nothing to prevent the "Kowloon Tai" going under the other launches stem.

Defendant said he was bound from Wanohai to Capatmoon, and saw the naval launch on his starboard bow. He stopped, but seeing she was going astern he went on and crossed her bows.

His Worship found the defendant guilty, and ordered him to pay a fine of \$50.

THE OWNERSHIP OF A PORT-MANTEAU.

C. C. Alwin was summoned before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday by Lam Tim, house-boy at Zetland House, on a charge of assault. The defendant took out a cross-summons against Lam Tim and three other boys engaged at the same boarding establishment.

Mr. Alwin stated that he resided at Zetland House, and was shortly going to Canada. A friend of his, who was staying at the same place, went away, leaving behind an old port-manteau which, he said, witness could have. The No. 1 boy, however, refused to give it up, and witness threatened to send for the police. The boy then shook him by the sleeve and "banged" a police whistle in his face. It was not a nice sensation to feel the hand closing on his throat, so he let the boy "have one" on the face. Then the four defendants got him in a corner, and proceeded to molest him.

His Worship—Did you report the matter to the police?

Witness—No, I thought I had given them enough.

The No. 1 boy stated that the visitor who had left without his port-manteau, owed for a sum of \$100. When Alwin asked for it the boy said he could not hand it over as his mistress was not there. Defendant threatened to take him to the station, but the boy said there was no need. Then defendant gave him a blow on the eye.

His Worship—Did you take him by the throat?

Witness—I was hitting the eye and could not see clearly.

After hearing further evidence, his Worship found all the parties over in the sum of \$50 each for good behaviour for six months.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday at the Board Room. Mr. O. McI. Messer (President) presided, and there were also present Hon. Mr. W. G. Shatton, O.M.G. (Vice-President), Messrs. A. Shatton Hooper, H. Humphreys, Lau Chai Pak, Fung Wa Chun, Dr. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health), Lieut. Colonel Reid, R.A.M.C., and the following officials: Dr. Macfarlane (Assistant Medical Officer of Health), and A. Gibson (Secretary).

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.
The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon reported that the outbreak of foot and mouth disease at Kennedy's Dairy was now at an end and he recommended that the Board withdraw the prohibition to sell milk.

The President recommended that after the premises are cleaned they be declared clean.

Mr. Hooper seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

VARIOUS BYELAWS.
The report of the committee appointed to consider amendments to various by-laws was submitted.

The Medical Officer of Health intimated: "I think it better not to allow even cats in dairies. They may contaminate milk in pans by stepping into and drinking it."

The Vice-President: "The requirements for floors of dairies, dairies, etc., are somewhat different from those for other buildings. I think the words 'a smooth floor' should be amended to 'a smooth floor of concrete or cement mortar' should be amended."

DAIRIES.—Dairies include cowsheds, and by-law 7 should be amended as follows: "No animal, except cat, shall be kept in any milk store, milk shop, or other place in which milk is supplied, or in which milk is used for purposes of sale." Regarding the President's, as the by-laws at present, it is not permissible to keep cats in dairies. Perhaps members would wish to keep cats, or they might be agreeable to amend the by-law.

Mr. Hooper: "Personally, I think we should keep cats out of dairies."

The President: "At home it is the usual thing to see cats in dairies."

Mr. Hooper: "Quite so."

The Medical Officer of Health: "Cats may contaminate the milk by stepping in the pans. I have heard that they carry certain diseases, but I don't know that it is absolutely true."

Mr. Hooper thought cats should be allowed in dairies.

The President: "No animal except cats. The Board went into committee to consider the question, and, on resuming, the President moved that no animal except cats be allowed in dairies, and that the amendments suggested by the Director of Public Works be approved."

The motion was agreed to.

AN UNCLEAN HABIT.
Mr. HUMPHREYS brought up the matter of spitting in public buildings, and wished to know what action had been taken by the Board to prevent this too prevalent habit.

When the subject was previously discussed, the Board sought to prevent the habit by issuing notices in Chinese. They decided to wait for six months after the issue of such notices and then, if the nuisance was not abated, to take further action.

The President informed Mr. Humphreys that the six months had not yet elapsed.

WHEN FRICITION WOULD ARISE.
The by-laws report was still under consideration when Mr. Hooper took exception to a remark of the President which was not audible at the Press table. He said the Board had a perfect right to direct its secretary. The secretary was the mouthpiece of the Board to carry out its resolutions, and if the Head of the Sanitary Department did not approve of it, and contemned it, of course, friction would arise. Members would have to consider their position and see what might happen. He thought that distinction was drawn by correspondence from the Government which they intended for the information of the Board being sent to the secretary, and it was the secretary's duty to lay that correspondence before the Board, apart from whatever views the Head of the Sanitary Department might hold on the matter.

The President intimated that he would not press the point.

BYELAWS FOR DISINFECTED PREMISES.
By-laws for the disinfection of infected premises, etc., were laid before the Board.

Mr. SHATTON-HOOPER intimated: "If the Legislative Council do not place any funds at the disposal of the Board to enable compensation to be paid for the destruction of ceilings, etc., then ceilings, etc., should not be destroyed. See proposed by-law No. 2 for the prevention and mitigation of epidemic and other diseases."

Mr. LAU CHAI PAK—I endorse Mr. Hooper's minute.

The Medical Officer of Health: "The Crown Solicitor's first amendment, if adopted, a decision by the Board as to what diseases must be removed to hospital. At present we don't compulsorily remove any enteric patient."

The President: "As to compensation it is governed by section 89. This is a vote on the estimates for compensation to property damaged by disinfection."

Mr. Hooper said it was very satisfactory to know that the estimates provided for damage to property, but he would like certain words struck out of a suggested by-law, and the following substituted, "and the owner shall be entitled to compensation." He would move an amendment to that effect.

The President: "There is point in that this Board cannot spend money except by sanction of the legislature, and the Board itself can stop proceedings under these by-laws."

Mr. Hooper: "We cannot stop proceedings unless we revoke the by-law."

The amendment on being put, was carried, and the President's motion that it should form part of the by-law was agreed to.

INSPECTOR'S LEAVE.
The application of Inspector A. Watson for nine months' leave in order to obtain medical treatment at home was laid before the Board.

The Board had no objection and decided to recommend that leave be granted.

MR. HOOPER'S QUESTION.
The reply to Mr. Hooper's question "What number of houses in Victoria and Kowloon remain to be dealt with under sub-sections 1 and 2 of section 175 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance" was forthcoming. It consisted of a formidable list of houses extending to 47 pages.

Mr. Hooper intimated that certain houses mentioned in the return were not erected prior to 1898 as stated in the list.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.
The death rate for the whole Colony for the week ending 3rd October was 27.8 as against 18.6 for the corresponding week of last year. The death rate for the British and foreign community was 28.7 as against 12.3 and for the Chinese community 28.4 as against 20.4.

RAT RETURN.
The rat return showed that since 1st August 1,369 rats had been killed 18 of which were infected.

Mr. LAU CHAI PAK intimated that the Chinese were apparently taking a great interest in rat catching.

CANTON.
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
October 26th.

TORTURE.
The Grand Council in Peking has sent a dispatch to Viceroy Chang stating they have received an Imperial Edict which states that certain persons have again memorialized the Throne praying that strict orders may be given to all the officials to stop the infliction of torture for the purpose of extorting evidence and confession from witnesses and prisoners, and also that rigid measures should be adopted to stop the officials from extorting money from litigants. The dispatch enjoins the Board of Punishment, Viceroy and Governors of all the provinces to see that the Imperial Order is strictly carried out so that these evil customs may be abolished forthwith, thus having compassion on the people. A copy of the original memorial was enclosed in the dispatch for the Viceroy's perusal. It is reported that His Excellency Chang has already given instructions to the Provincial Treasurer and Judge and the Salt Commissioner to make inquiries if torture is still being used in any of the yamens in the Kwangtung Province. It will be remembered that in the beginning of the year 1906 Com. Z. Volpicelli, Italian Consul-General for Kwangtung, Kwangsi and Fokien Provinces, published, in Chinese, a pamphlet containing essays on the subject of torture for the purpose of extorting evidence, exposing its uselessness and barbarity. Thousands of these pamphlets were distributed amongst the Chinese, officials, gentry and students gratis. Several officials, realizing the truth of the statements, memorialized the Throne to abolish the barbarous practice, and in response an Imperial Edict was issued commanding the officials to abolish the infliction of torture in all the yamens. The Chinese Press announced their gratitude for Com. Volpicelli's good work through the medium of their newspapers. [Only last week our correspondent reported a case at the Nam-hoi Magistracy in which a witness, a woman, was subjected to torture.—ED.]

A HIGH OFFICIAL'S FATHER KIDNAPPED BY PIRATES.
Mr. Sin Ting, father of Sin Ying Fan, Secretary of the Foreign Office in Tientsin, was kidnapped by the notorious Pirate Chief, Luk Ian Ching, from his home in the Wong Ting village near Canton some time ago. Luk demanded \$40,000 ransom for the release of the old man who is over 80 years of age. His son in Tientsin reported the matter to Mr. Tsoi Shew Ki, Tao-tai of Tientsin, who has sent many telegrams to Viceroy Chang requesting him to cause rigid search to be made for Mr. Sin Ting Ping and obtain his release. So far his whereabouts are unknown. Yesterday the Board of Revenue in Peking cabled the Viceroy that the man must be found and released at all costs. The Viceroy has given 15 days to the Nam-hoi Magistracy to see that the captive is found and delivered under penalty of being cashiered. Colonel Li Sai Kwai who was recently reinstated by the Viceroy has also been deputed to Sai Chow to make investigations into the matter.

PROVINCIAL PAPER MONEY.
It is reported that the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha here have already delivered \$3,000,000 worth of Chinese notes, redeemable in subsidiary coin, to the Provincial Treasurer of Kwangtung. They are all \$10 and \$5 notes and will be circulated in the Canton market during this month.

BOYCOTT NOT ABATING.
At a meeting of the Canton Cooks' Guild the other day the chairman said he was in receipt of a letter from Doctor Hui of Hongkong which stated that cholera had broken out in Amoy. In future when purchasing provisions for their masters they should be careful in making their selections. Sea delicacies contained germs. They were indigestible and had very little nourishing power in them. Taken as food they were injurious to health. Consequently foreigners never had them on their tables. It was high time that the Chinese people also gave up eating such things, moreover it had been proved in Hongkong that many people had been poisoned through eating sea delicacies and died from the effects thereof. Therefore, in future, if the brethren of the Guild were discovered purchasing sea delicacies for the table, or any other food that was indigestible, they would be treated as quack doctors and would be liable to a monetary fine which would be imposed by the Guild.

The Medicine Guild of Canton has sent the following express to the members of the Guild:—"We beg respectfully to inform you that from the 20th day of this moon (10th moon) if any of the managers or employees of medicine shops are discovered purchasing goods of a certain country (Japan) they will be immediately dismissed from service and will not be permitted to find employment in any medicine shop, again. If proprietors of medicine shops are discovered doing it, they will be ostracized for ever. All members of the Medicine Guild are respectfully requested to obey this."

FIFTEEN PRISONERS REHEARD.
On the 24th instant fifteen plates were carried in baskets to the execution ground by order of the Nam Hoi and Poon Yu Magistrates. Eight prisoners were taken from the Nam Hoi jail and seven from the Poon Yu. It was notified that the Nam Hoi prisoners looked clean, neat and well-fed in contrast with those from the Poon Yu who presented the usual pitiable appearance of Chinese prisoners. This plainly shows that the Poon Yu Magistrate has neglected to carry out the law reforming the prison administration.

OFFICIAL MATTERS.
Owing to the increase of international affairs here, His Excellency Viceroy Chang has appointed two special operators in the Telegraph Department in the Viceroy's Yamen to decipher telegrams relating to international matters so as to prevent secret and important messages leaking out.

His Excellency King Fung, Tartar General here, is in receipt of a cable notifying that an Edict promotes him to be Minister of the Imperial Palace in Peking.

Lieutenant Tartar-General Chong Kin of Canton has been granted three months' leave by the Throne to cure his opium smoking habit.

The Board of Revenue in Peking has cabled to the Provincial Mint of Kwangtung to cease minting the new dollar coins and to coin instead 1 tael and 5 mace coins.

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LD.
The twelfth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd. was held at the Company's depot, No. 2, Lower Albert Road, at noon yesterday. Mr. E. H. Hinds presided, and there were also present Dr. J. W. Noble (directors), Messrs. J. Walker (manager), S. A. Seth (secretary), W. D. Graham, J. M. E. Machado, P. Tester and Chan Tong.

The notice calling the meeting was read by the SECRETARY.

The CHAIRMAN said: "Gentlemen, the report and accounts have now been in your hands for some days and I ask your permission to adopt the customary course and take them as read. The result of the year's working has, I am pleased to say, proved satisfactory, showing an increase on the preceding year. We again had some anxious weeks early in the year, during which our old enemy, rinderpest, played havoc with a part of our herd. Thanks, however, to our manager's experience and vigilance, many valuable beasts were successfully nursed and recovered from the disease. These animals, I might state, are now immune for life from rinderpest. Our business, notwithstanding the depressed condition of trade throughout the Colony, is ever-increasing, not only in Hongkong itself but with outside, from which it may be inferred we give satisfaction to our customers. I do not think it would be out of place here for me to state that we attempt to supply the best that can be produced, and in regard to our milk we guarantee that no preservative of whatever kind has ever been used by us. Considering the large distribution and the area over which this distribution takes place, it is a matter of satisfaction to your Directors and Staff that irregularity of delivery is practically non-existent. Our frozen meat business has also increased, not so much in regard to local consumption, owing, no doubt, to the antagonism of the native servants who see the possibility of loss of wages, but particularly in connection with the large passenger steamship lines, who find our supplies of a better quality and more economical than the local meat. On comparing the balance sheet with that of last year you will have noted the book value of cattle, buildings, property and machinery have advanced considerably. These advances have been due to outlays in improvements and expansion which were necessary owing to increase of business. The book value referred to are well within their actual value, so that your Directors have not deemed it necessary this year to set aside any portion of the profit shown towards their reduction, but recommend instead, the transfer of \$40,000 to reserve, to be eventually merged into Capital as outlined in the circular letter already sent out to shareholders. This matter will be more fully dealt with at another meeting, notification of which will be forwarded to you in a few days. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions shareholders may wish to put regarding same."

No questions were asked, and the CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Mr. GRAHAM—I have much pleasure in seconding the motion. There can be no doubt that the Company is most ably managed, and the statement before us reflects the greatest credit on all concerned. I am sure you will all agree with me.—(Hear, hear).

The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. MACHADO, seconded by Mr. WALKER, and agreed that Dr. J. W. Noble and Hon. Mr. E. Osborne should be re-elected directors.

Mr. W. Hutton Potts was re-appointed auditor on the motion of Mr. TESTER, seconded by Mr. CHAN TONG.

The CHAIRMAN—That terminates the meeting, gentlemen. Thank you very much for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

London, September 28th.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

A report is current, perhaps a little premature, that the Committee of the House of Lords that has been considering the reform of the Chamber "from within" has arrived at a very important decision. A majority has declared for a change to the electoral principle in the constitution of the House of Lords.

The "Manchester Dispatch" London correspondent definitely says that the report will recommend that the hereditary Chamber should be popularized and strengthened by the addition of representative Commoners eminent in various walks in public life. They will sit through the continuance of Parliament, being on its dissolution, subject to re-election as in the case of members of the House of Commons.

The appointment of the Committee was the result of the Opposition to the Ministerial threat of mending or ending the House of Lords at the instance of the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Premier. When the Committee was appointed, Liberal peers, with two exceptions, declined to take part in the inquiry. The exceptions were Lord Selby, formerly Speaker of the House of Commons, and Lord Conyngham, some time Chairman of Ways and Means. The Marquis of Lansdowne, Lord Halsbury, and other prominent members of the last Cabinet have been in constant attendance throughout the inquiry.

"The Committee will resume its sittings next month and it is expected that its report will be presented to Parliament during the Autumn session."

Assuming that my friend of the contemporary has got the facts approximately correct, as is possible, the real importance of the case will rest in the manner of election. But it is something to find an admission—as all who are at all in the know have long been aware—that the more serious men on both sides of the Upper Chamber are by no means satisfied with the heavy levelling of decrepitude, stupidity, and incapable peers who hamper the progress of those who would work.

COMING WEDDINGS.
There are quite a number of announcements this week affecting people of more or less interest to the Far East.

Among the engagements are:—Miss Nina Aris, only daughter of Mrs. Aris, the authoress, to Mr. Harry A. Thompson, of the Royal Survey Department, Siam. Miss Aris is the niece of "Frank Danby," the novelist, and the late "Owen Hall," the playwright.

Miss Ethel Stewart, whose family connections are with the Federated Malay States, marries in a fortnight's time Dr. J. A. Drake of Clifton.

Miss Marie O'Connor of Pretoria will soon marry Mr. Arthur Kennedy, grandson of Sir Arthur Kennedy, G.C.M.G., C.B., a former Governor of Hongkong.

Then in the marriage list may be mentioned Mr. H. F. H. Derry, son of Mr. J. Dickson Derry, late P.W.D. India, to Miss Beatrice Hopkins, daughter of a well-known artist of Hampstead. The bridegroom is well known in China ports.

CHITRAUT.
Among the deaths may be noted that of Mr. James Mear, a leading merchant of Belfast and brother-in-law to Sir Robert Hart.

Other deaths to be recorded are those of Mrs. Bayley, the widow of the late Henry Bayley, manager of the P. and O.; and Colonel J. C. D. Morrison who saw much service in the China war of 1857-1861.

THE CHOLERA IN RUSSIA.
Russia is doing a rather ineffective best to handle the cholera scourge, but, although some six thousand deaths have occurred so far, the pestilence is raging unabated. Indeed expert health authorities predict that it will amolder all the winter and, according to precedent, will rage with even greater ferocity next year. It is a remarkable circumstance that great floods in China are so often followed by epidemics of this kind in Europe.

At all our ports precautions are being taken to prevent infection and British people are good in Germany, in that the authorities there are strict in their application of precautionary measures. They thus act as a buffer between our nation and the Russian sufferers. To add to the fear, there is the outbreak of bubonic at Trieste and Port Said, three or four sailors having died of the plague after being in the Adriatic and Mediterranean for a month or more. Thus it is feared that the rats aboard the ship, which came from India, may have taken the infection far and wide.

RUSSIA'S FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.
The Russian government being in financial difficulties the estimates are being cut down to the bone and the extension of the Amur Railway will be undertaken just as the money can be found. But there is a scheme whereby British banks are to aid a Siberian syndicate to link up the Siberian railway and the Central Asian railways of the Russians. The aim is to tap the mineral wealth that lies in the region between these lines. Surveys are already out on the work. There is also a scheme for a connection between the Finnish lines and the Russian capital.

THE CONGRESS ON RELIGION.
At Oxford the third international congress for the study of the History of Religions has been holding its meetings and the proceedings have been of more than usual interest. The greatest controversy has been aroused by the theory set forth by an American Harvard professor that Christ was not a Jew but an Aryan.

He was assailed by questions touching on racial sentiments and he declined to allow himself to be mixed in conflicting prejudgments of blood and sentiment. Among the countries represented were China, Japan, America and all the Continental and American universities.

Sir A. C. Layall, the President, compared the political relations and the attitude of the States and rulers towards Christianity, Islamism, Buddhism, and Hindutism. He said the history of Europe and Western Asia recorded a close connection and community of interests between the States and the Orthodox faiths. In China Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism had contended for the patronage of the Emperors, and were formally recognised by the Chinese government. The general policy of the rulers and ministers seemed to have been that religion must be prevented from interfering with affairs of State. Upon that policy successive Chinese dynasties acted continuously, and at the present day the relations of the State to religion in China were without parallel elsewhere in the modern world.

In Japan the relations of the State to religion appeared to have been on the Chinese model. Buddhism, Confucianism and Shinteiism were imperially recognised. The dominant article of faith was the divinity of Japan and its Emperor. But in Japan, with the advance of modern science and enlightenment, scepticism might have diminished the importance of the religious department. He believed the British Indian position of complete religious neutrality to be unique among Asiatic Governments, and almost unknown in Europe; although, notwithstanding its sincere profession of absolute neutrality, it was sometimes suspected of regarding all religions with cynical indifference, possibly even with hostility. Therefore, when he surveyed the history of all religions, we found Mohammedanism still identified with the fortunes of the Mohammedan rulers, but at the present time, the European states seemed inclined to dissolve their alliance with the Churches and to arrange a kind of judicial separation between altar and throne, though in very few cases had divorce become absolute.

No State in civilised countries now assisted in the propagation of doctrines, and ecclesiastical influence was of very little service to a Government. They could even at this time discern a movement towards constitutional reforms in Mohammedan Asia, and if it succeeded it would be interesting to observe the effect which Liberal reforms produced on the relation of Mohammedan governments with the dominant faith, and on which side the religious teachers would be arrayed.

THE RUBBER EXHIBITION.
The International Rubber Exhibition, which closes to-morrow, is the first enterprise of its kind in Europe. It has been so successful in bringing the planters, manufacturers, scientists, and buyers together that it is to be repeated in two years' time. By that time many more estates will be able to come in, for nothing has been more clearly demonstrated than that Eastern plantation rubber is good, tough, durable, and a sound commercial undertaking.

The heart and soul of the exhibition has been Sir Henry Blake, your former governor. He has been in daily attendance and has taken a hand in everything from presiding at demonstrations of rubber tapping and scientific discussions to speaking at sectional dinners given by one or the other of the thirty countries represented. He is personally largely interested in rubber, and, as a president, he has proved a prize, for he has infused some of his own enthusiasm into all concerned.

Many Far Eastern men of note have also been to the exhibition including Sir Frank Swettenham and Sir W. H. Treacher.

THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION.
The "Globe" in a review of the Far Eastern situation hopes that the recent change of Government in Japan and the appointment of new Ministers to Great Britain and China will result in the Japanese Government removing those causes of friction with British businessmen which have grown up lately, mainly through the attitude of Japan herself. Japan is charged with interpreting treaties in a most arbitrary fashion, and she cannot be blind to the fact that her commercial selfishness is now causing difficulties not only for herself but for China and the United States. The article continues:—"The two latter Powers, indeed, may be forced to change their attitude in time should the Japanese persist in an exclusive policy. China has hitherto been inclined to look to England for aid in work requiring skill, and would gradually gain assurance as to our good faith; but, unfortunately, Britain does not seem to be lending China even moral support in her present perplexities, and a movement towards alliance with the United States is being freely discussed in some Chinese circles. The Americans are so keen on extending their commerce with China that it is quite probable that a working agreement, if not actually an alliance, would be welcomed by them. In that case, of course, the balance of power in the Far East would again be counterpoised, and the guarantee of peace would be materially weakened; but it would be due to the policy of Japan, which is now carrying out the 'equal opportunities to all nations policy' with the added proviso—that appears in no treaty—'after due preference has been given to Japan.'"

On the other hand Mr. Y. Yamasa, on arrival at the Embassy here to take charge till the arrival of the new Ambassador, has issued a long defence of the Japanese policy. After paying a tribute to the regard felt in Japan for the Anglo-Japanese alliance he proceeds to declare that the ideas prevalent as to the open door in Manchuria are due to misunderstanding. He contends that Japan has departed from no point of that policy. "She is now, as ever, firm in the intention to maintain the principle of equal opportunity and the open door in Manchuria as well as in other parts of China. 'I would merely mention two instances as proving the truth of my statement. In the agreements between Russia and China during the lease of Port Arthur to the former a clause existed that China would give no mining concessions to foreigners within the neutral zone

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in the Liaotung Peninsula. Only a few weeks before I left the Foreign Office questions were given by Japan to an Anglo-American group for working two gold mines in that zone. This is the first concession given, not a single one having been granted to Japanese. Again the Chinese authorities at Hankow recently approached Japanese financiers with a view to obtaining capital for the construction of railways in Hupeh and Hunan, but as soon as we learnt that there was an understanding between the Viceroy of the provinces and British financiers that the latter should have the first opportunity, all negotiations were at once stopped and assurances given to the British financiers that we would not interfere. Even in Korea no preference is given to our people: all comes as a result of equal opportunity."

Mr. Labouchere in "Truth" comments on Far Eastern alliances and condemnations of alliances with Japan, which, he says, was "rushed into and somewhat ties our hands." He says of the suggested alliance of China and America:—"America thoroughly distrusts Japan, and provides that she does not seek to acquire rights in China that conflict with those secured by treaties to other nations, there seems to me no reason why we should object to China strengthening her hands against the designs of Japan."

THE UNEMPLOYED AND OTHER QUESTIONS.
The unemployed question is likely to bother the Government a great deal in the coming session, for apart from the expected disorders in all the industrial centres in England and Scotland the Socialists are working up the unemployed in London to make demonstrations in and around the House of Commons that will keep the matter in the public eye. Mr. Asquith evidently feels the pressure, for he has sent the Newcastle electors pledged to bring in measures to alleviate the suffering.

Mr. Lloyd George will soon, therefore, have a task that would try the strength of any man. With Old Age Pensions to be provided for on a more liberal scale than originally intended, the unemployed question to be dealt with on expensive lines, and all sorts of faddist and grandiose legislation forthcoming, the lot of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, like that of the policeman, "is not a happy one."

Add to this the resentment of Catholics over the clumsy managed veto of the procession of the Host at the Eucharistic Congress and it will be seen that the Government is riding a restive horse in the electoral arena. The Conservative victory at Newcastle proves that.

THE SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLICS.
There are considerable apprehensions just now as to the strain between the Brazilian Government and the Argentine Republic. The pressing forward of the Brazilian of a great fleet, including the most powerful cruiser afloat, launched in England the other day, increases this feeling of anxiety. There is certainly much rivalry between the two countries in regard to trade and waterway rights, but the governments are still working together and may be able to withstand the pressure of restive public opinion.

In any case neither side will be unprepared, for Argentina has already voted defence supplies and Brazil is putting her military as well as her naval forces in order, in German supervision.

RUSSIAN APPREHENSIONS.
Russia is moving the submarines, intended for the East before the war, from the Baltic to the Black Sea, for with the new movement in Turkey and the unrest in Persia and Arabia that is the quarter which at present gives the Cabinet in St. Petersburg most anxiety.

THE VOYAGE OF THE AMERICAN FLEET.

The approximate distances between the principal ports visited during the present memorable cruise of the American Fleet are thus given by a contemporary:—

	Miles.
Hampton Roads to San Francisco...	13,772
San Francisco to Honolulu...	2,469
Honolulu to Auckland...	3,850
Auckland to Sydney...	1,284
Sydney to Melbourne...	576
Melbourne to Albany...	1,350
Albany to Manila...	3,300
Manila to Yokohama...	1,763
Total...	27,989

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A BAZAAR and FANCY FETE promoted by the above will be held (by kind permission of the Commandant and Officers of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps) on the VOLUNTARY PARADE GROUND, on SATURDAY, October 31st, from 2.30 to 6 P.M.
 Great attractions for young and old.
PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENTS.
 I. 3.00-3.30 P.M.: Cinematograph Entertainment.
 II. 3.40-3.55 P.M.: New and Amusing Burlesque entitled "TIN TAIL" by Misses Iria and Diane May.
 III. 4.00-4.30 P.M.: Cinematograph Entertainment.
 IV. 5.00-5.30 P.M.: Variety Entertainment.
PROGRAMME:
 1. Recitation: "The Charge of the Light Brigade" by Mr. W. J. Luckie, M.A.
 2. Recitation: "The Goblin-haunted Girl" by the little lady from Boston.
 3. Song: "Selected" by Mr. W. G. Worcester.
 4. Open Dance: By Miss Vera David.
 5. Song: "The Motor Car" by Mr. J. Cochran.
 V. 5.30-6.00 P.M.: Auction Sale of Work.
 VI. 6.00-6.30 P.M.: Variety Entertainment.
PROGRAMME:
 1. Song: "The Little Irish Girl" by Rev. M. Longbridge, M.A.
 2. Dance: "The Highland Fling" by Miss E. Rowe.
 3. Recitation: "The Ship that never arrived" by Lieut. E. M. Crooke, R.A.
 4. Whistling Solo: "Baby" by Lieut. A. Chapman, R.A.
 5. Song: "I 'A Billy Song" by Mr. J. II. "Another" J. Cochran.
 God Save the King.
 Chinese Marionettes at various hours.
 Proceeds to be divided amongst various local Charities for Children.
 If wet, the Bazaar will be held in the Volunteer Head Quarters.
 No Chits taken.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer
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 FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.
 Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Godowns and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
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Hongkong, 28th October, 1908. 1496

PUBLIC COMPANIES

WILLIAM POWELL LIMITED.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 31st October, 1908, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to June 30th, 1908.

The TEASER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th to the 31st October, 1908, both days inclusive.

By Order, **HARRY EYRE,** Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1908. 1470

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ADJOURNED EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 31st October, 1908, at Noon, when the subject of the Resolution which was passed at a Meeting held on Thursday, the 8th October will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution.

That Article No. 54, of the Articles of Association of the Company be cancelled "and the following Article substituted therefor:—Three Members personally present shall be a quorum for an Ordinary General Meeting. For all other Meetings the quorum shall be five."

That Article No. 111, of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered "by deleting the words, 'the Directors' or by two or more Directors' on the seventh line thereof and substituting the following words therefor:—The General Meeting."

Dated this 26th day of October, 1908.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

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LOST SHARE CERTIFICATES.

No. 6473-297869/297868—18 Shares in name of Li LUK.

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No. 6477-298339/298338—100 Shares in name of Li LUK and Li K. TONG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DUPLICATES of the above CERTIFICATES will be issued one month hence, and the Original Certificates unless produced at the Office of the General Managers within that period, will be held by the Company as null and void.

HEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1908. 1440

AUCTION

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSES HUGHES AND HOUGH have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 28th day of OCTOBER, 1908, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Central (corner of Ice House Street),

The following very VALUABLE PROPERTY situated at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong viz—

All those Two Pieces or Parcels of ground situate at Victoria aforesaid and registered in the Land Office respectively as MARINE LOT No. 264 and MARINE LOT No. 265, together with the messuages thereon known as Nos. 22, 23, 24, 25 Praya, Kennedy Town.

Annual Crown Rent payable in respect of Marine Lot No. 264 \$182, and in respect of Marine Lot No. 265, \$208. Area, Marine Lot No. 264, 18,361 square feet; Marine Lot No. 265, 18,806 square feet or thereabouts.

Each of the above Lots is held for the unexpired residue of the term of 99 years commencing on the 24th day of June, 1887.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale apply to—

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or to **MESSES HUGHES & HOUGH,** Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1908. 1433

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LADIES, YOUR KIND ATTENTION, PLEASE!

HOOSAIN-ALI & Co., beg to announce a GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

ONE MONTH ONLY.

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All at BED ROCK PRICES.

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Hongkong, 1st October, 1908. 651

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All Orders receive prompt attention.

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Hongkong, 20th February, 1908. 401

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

MR. C. FREEBORN has CEASED to be the Manager of the Oriental Hotel.

M. MATTHEW, Proprietor.

Hongkong, 27th October, 1908. 1487

NOTICE.

WE HEREBY BEG TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE DEBTORS of the late Proprietors of the Connaught House Hotel that unless they settle their Debts on or before the 31st October, 1908, their Clothing and Trunks, &c. left in the said Hotel on or before the 25th September, 1908, will be Sold by Auction or Private Sale.

LATE PROPRIETORS OF CONNAUGHT HOUSE HOTEL.

Dated 24th October, 1908. 1478

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 KIWANO, Manu, Japanese str., 3,147, N. Matsuo, 27th Oct.—Yokohama, 17th Oct. General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
 KUTSANO, British str., 4,800, R. C. D. Bradley, 27th Oct.—Mojil 23rd October, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
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 TUDOR PRINCE, British str., 2,769, A. N. McDougall, 27th Oct.—New York 30th August, General and Case Oil—Arnold, Kerberg & Co.
 USHER, British str., 2,350, Perry, 27th Oct.—Manila 23rd October, Ballast—Master.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 27th October.
 Austria, Australian str., for Singapore.
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DEPARTURES.

27th October.
 CALEDONIAN, French str., for Europe & Co.
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Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France in Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer, proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "MONTAGUE," due in London on the 12th December, 1908. Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required. For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.
 Hongkong, 18th October, 1908. 1

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 Hongkong, 22nd October, 1908. 1414

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1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

SECTIONS.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	SECT.	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	ASSAYE	Brit. str.	—	C. L. Daniel	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 31st inst. at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SUMATRA	Brit. str.	—	E. W. Bruce	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 4th Nov.
HAYRE, DUNKIRK & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 31st inst.
HAYRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SUEVIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Selmer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 3rd Nov.
HAYRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SENEGAMBIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 15th Nov.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	CANTON	Dan. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	Middle of November.
MARSEILLES, HAYRE & COPENHAGEN	PEKING	Dan. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 4th Nov.
MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & HAMBURG, &c.	LIBERIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Knies	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 10th Nov., at 1 p.m.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL.	POLYNESIAN	Fr. str.	—	H. Frézet	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 11th Nov., at Dlight
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAMAKURA MARU	Jap. str.	—	G. Rott	MELCHERS & Co.	On 4th Nov., at Noon.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIER, GIBRALTAR &c.	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 3rd Nov.
NEW YORK	PATHAN	Brit. str.	—	Mohr	CARLOWITZ & Co.	About 20th Nov.
NEW YORK	WOOLLEN	Ger. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 18th Nov.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	BRANMAR	Am. str.	—	—	AMERICAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 10th Nov., at 4 p.m.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	INVEROLYDE	Am. str.	—	—	AMERICAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 7th Nov., at 4 p.m.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	GLENFARG	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	AMERICAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 10th Nov., at 4 p.m.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	EMPERESS OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	AKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 5th Nov., at 5 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	SUEVIA	Ger. str.	—	—	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 12th Nov., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st Nov., at 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Ger. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th Nov., at Dlight
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	CHANGSHA	Jap. str.	1 m.	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst., at Dlight
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	WAKASA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 28th Nov.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at Daylight
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 30th inst., at 4 p.m.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 30th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 1st Nov.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 3rd Nov., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 4th Nov.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 9th Nov., P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Middle of November.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 20th Nov.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 1st Nov., at 9 A.M.
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YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 30th inst., at 8 A.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 1st Nov., at 4 p.m.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 31st inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 3rd Nov., at 4 p.m.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 7th Nov., at Noon.
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